



Fatality #6 – March 23, 2004
Machinery - NY - Limestone (C&B)
Hanson Aggregates New York Inc. - Jordanville Plant

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On March 23, 2004, a 40-year-old, general foreman with 17 years mining experience was fatally injured at a stone mine. The victim and other miners were setting up a mobile crane to perform maintenance work at a primary crusher. While the hydraulic boom was being extended, it went into a two-block situation causing the cable holding the weight ball to break. The ball fell and struck the victim. A portion of the cable struck a co-worker, who received minor injuries.



Best Practices

- Ensure that crane operators understand the crane controls and activate the safety override features.
- When converting from the travel mode to lift mode, perform all equipment checks in the set up sequence as soon as possible.
- Ensure that all personnel stay clear during crane movement.
- Identify hazards and implement measures to ensure persons are properly protected.
- Train all personnel to help them recognize and understand procedures to safely perform tasks before beginning any work.
- Ensure that all personnel follow the established safe work procedures.

This is the 6th fatality reported in calendar year 2004 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2003, there were five fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 3rd fatality classified as Machinery in 2004. There was one Machinery fatality in the same period in 2003.